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Attention: Council Chair Ron Menor

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Subject: Bill 13 (2017) CD1 - City Council Ordinance

Austin, Tsutsumi & Associates, Inc. (ATA) is a 70 person, civil engineering firm located in the heart of Iwilei on Sumner Street in the Iwilei Business Center, since 1986. **We are in support of Bill 13.** The growing homeless population in Iwilei has impacted our business in the following ways:

1. Employee safety during the work day and night. Employees have been physically threatened and intimidated by a few homeless. A delivery person was assaulted by a mentally unstable homeless individual.
2. Individuals have been found sleeping in our main office entryway and we have found urination and defecation near our back entry door.
3. Vehicles in our parking lot have been vandalized and broken into.
4. Homeless encampments were obstructing the public sidewalks along Sumner Street. We observed trash and buckets used for hygiene being dumped into storm drains. Issue improved when a fellow business owner retained, at his own cost, a full-time worker to wash the sidewalk area fronting his business each workday.
5. Although not personally observed, reported drug dealing or illegal enterprise in the homeless encampments occur on Sumner St and Iwilei Rd.

Actions/measures that the Iwilei Business Center (IBC) AOA have taken to improve the security and to reduce the amount of homeless activity within the property include:

1. Expanded the hours of security service.
2. Installed CCTV security system for improved surveillance and video recording. (\$9,000)
3. Replaced and expanded the parking lot lighting system.
4. Installed a premium metal perimeter fence and gate entry system along the rear of the property to prevent unauthorized entry of homeless individuals from entering the premises through Costco property. (\$70,000) They previously cut through the chainlink fencing.
5. Closure of a primary exit gate at 5pm to discourage unauthorized entry of homeless individuals from entering the AOA property. This change is an inconvenience to businesses, employees and customers who exit the property, but a necessity.

Sincerely,

AUSTIN, TSUTSUMI & ASSOCIATES, INC.

By

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